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DR. R. T. HAMILTON INDORSES GOOD GOVERNMENT TICKET

Dallas, Texas, March 19, 1919.

Editor of The Dallas Express:

The campaign for the election of officials who are to direct the destiny of our great and growing City for the next two years is now being waged. Our people are vitally interested in the outcome of this campaign and should therefore study carefully the records of the men who are candidates for office together with the issues they represent. They should do this so as to be able to cast the ballot intelligently for the best interest of the City in general and for those men from whose election will come the greatest benefit to our race in civic improvements and the uplift work in which our City is engaged.

As one who has tried in a humble way to advance the best interest of my race in this City during the eighteen years I have resided here, and as one who has watched closely the records (in so far as they relate to our race) of the various men who have been at the head of our City Government during this time, I ask you to publish the following in the columns of your valuable paper.

I submit that during the two years he has been in office, Mr. Lawther, with the assistance of the Commissioners associated with him, has the assistance of the Commissioners associated with him, has done more to advance the best interest of the Colored people in Dallas than any Mayor the City has had during the past twenty years. Upon the record given below, Mr. Lawther has proven himself a friend to the race, has earned its lasting gratitude, and is entitled to its full support in this campaign. The other candidates on the Good Government ticket are clean, fair-minded and conscientious men, in full sympathy with Mr. Lawther, and are also entitled to our full support. Let us also what Mr. Lawther has done for the Colored people of Dallas.

When Mr. Lawther was elected Mayor of the City of Dallas two years ago, on account of the active part he had taken on the segregation question, the Colored people felt almost to a man that a great public calamity had befallen them. They felt that the head of the City Government had been turned over to an avowed enemy of the race and that all public questions affecting the welfare of Colored citizens would be completely ignored at the Municipal Building. In short, they expected nothing good out of the Lawther administration in so far as their interests were concerned.

However, soon after Mr. Lawther had been inducted into office and while he was yet working day and night with experts, financiers and business men of the City, trying to settle the public utilities question in accordance with the mandates given him by the people, he found time to write letters to ten representatives Colored men, inviting them to his office for a conference. He set the day and hour. At the appointed time he was at his desk. He received them cordially and said: "I have called you men here today to say to you that I am Mayor of all the people, and in my official capacity, I know neither race nor creed nor color. I want you to know that I can be approached by the Colored people on any subject affecting their welfare just the same as the wealthiest person in our City; and that whatever they bring to me will receive due consideration. I want my administration to do something that will better the condition of Colored people in Dallas; to uplift and advance them in as far as the City can do it. Unless my administration does this, it will not be the complete or full success I wish it."

"There are some things affecting the welfare of your people that the City can do and should do because you are a necessary and an important part of our population. I do not know just what the Colored people would like to have my administration do along this line. You men are in a position to know these things; I therefore want you men here to serve as Colored Welfare Board, auxiliary to the White Welfare Board; for the purpose of bringing to me and the Commissioners all questions of improvements and so forth, affecting your race in this City. I do not promise you that I can bring to pass everything you ask me to do, nor that I will agree with you that everything you ask me to do ought to be done; but on such things as we do agree, I will do my level best to have them done. When we differ I will be open and frank with you and tell you just

why. I want you to feel free to confer with me. Present these matters to me in any way you think best and as soon as you can. I am glad you responded to my call."

This is not the exact language of the Mayor, but it is in substance what he said.

It is needless to say that the men were surprised beyond measure at this statement of Mr. Lawther. Could he really mean what he said? In former years there have been men elected to the position of Mayor who were friendly to our people, but never before had there been one who sought to confer with Colored men in regard to the welfare of the race in the City and wished to do something definite for its civic advancement. Was Mr. Lawther sincere? Let the record speak.

(1). As indicated above, he voluntarily appointed a Negro Welfare Board to look after the civic interests of the Colored people of Dallas, and to make recommendations to him and the Commissioners for needed improvements.

(2). Negroes were barred from Woodlawn Hospital, an institution erected and maintained jointly by the City and County out of the public funds for the care and treatment of indigent tubercular patients who are bona fide residents. As soon as his attention was called to the matter, Mr. Lawther provided a place for Negroes; and plans have already been drawn for an enlarged hospital wherein Negro patients will have ample quarters and modern treatment, the same as white patients. Negro patients are to be cared for by Negro nurses.

(3). The records of the City showed the Negro death rate to be extremely large. In order to reduce this death rate, he had the City to employ a Colored trained nurse to

visit the homes of the poor and afflicted of the race to administer to them when sick and to see that they obtained medical attendance and medicine at the expense of the City. When the white district nurses received an increase in pay to meet the high cost of living, he gave the Colored nurse a ten dollar per month raise, also.

(4). Colored property owners on Trinidad and Cochran streets, between Allen and Routh streets, had petitioned previous administrations for sewerage connections, which had been uniformly denied because the property was out of grade with regular sewerage system. When the matter was presented to Mr. Lawther and Mr. Cason, the work was ordered done, and is less than sixty days it was completed.

(5). Many Negro families in the City are poor, uneducated and do not know how to properly rear their children, they allow them to roam the streets at will and get into all kinds of mischief. Many of them will eventually swell the criminal record of the race to the detriment of all. Mr. Lawther was instrumental in having a Colored Child Welfare Worker appointed to show these poor people how to better the conditions of themselves and their children; and promises that when the next budget is made up to provide for part of her pay out of the public funds the same as is being done for the whites.

(6). He appointed a Colored messenger boy in his office and placed Colored elevator conductors in the Municipal Building.

(7). He was instrumental in having a Municipal Christmas tree for the poor Colored children of the City last year, the same as for the whites. He lent his presence to the occasion, made a very encouraging

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FOR MAYOR

JOE E. LAWTHER

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speech and promised a continuance of the event during his administration.

(8). Whenever he has been invited as Mayor to deliver welcome addresses to Negro conventions held in this City, he has done so, and in a dignified way expressed himself in sympathy with all movements or gatherings that have for their purpose the uplift of our race.

Former Mayors have either ignored such occasions or sent some subordinate to represent them.

(9). He has expressed himself in favor of giving our people the benefit of a free public library, an institution much needed by our school children, teachers and the Colored reading public. He appointed a committee to work out the details of this proposition; and it is now under

consideration.

(10). He has endorsed the proposition and promises to co-operate with the Board of Education to give the Colored people at an early date a new High School with adequate facilities, and fair remuneration for all teachers.

(11). He stands for an enlargement of Negro parks with bath houses, public comfort stations, free

swimming pools and general improvements.

(12). The platform upon which he is now running pledges a square deal for every man and association of men.

Very respectfully,

R. T. HAMILTON, M. D.

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